



# Flight Lines

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## Ken's Corner Club President

Well, this has definitely been one weird year. Normally by this time of the year we have all been flying for at least a month, and some of us usually have crashed at least one plane. But the weather this year has been really weird and many of us still haven't even got enough airtime to blow the cobwebs off or our radios. Look at last week for instance.

We had a frost warning on Tuesday and the following Saturday the temperature was close to 100! Only in Oklahoma. Hopefully the weather will get straightened out soon so we can all start meeting at the field and fly some airplanes!



For those that don't know about it yet, we will be doing another club Fly-in this month. This will be held on May 21st. We will get the times figured out at the meeting tomorrow night and I'll email everybody with the details. This time around Ron has something a little different planned for all of us. Instead of an entire day with flying events planned Ron has decided that the emphasis for this event will be simply a club coming together to fly. Ron has a couple of events planned for the day, but for the most part we will simply be flying for the day. We will have raffle prizes that will be given away to those attending throughout the day, as well as a grand prize that will be given out at the end of the day. So everybody needs to dust off their planes and charge their radios and come out for the event.

One last thing I'd like to talk about briefly this month is a few changes that everybody will be noticing at the field over the next few weeks. We will be installing a new fence that will separate the runway area from the pits. This purpose of this fence will be to keep planes from running into the pits accidentally. The other change that will be seen is the pilot stations that will be installed at the field. These will be simple fences that are about waist high placed in the flying area for pilots to stand behind. It's not mandatory that you stand behind them, but we do ask that you do stand along the same line as the stations (no closer to the runway) so that you don't block the view of those in the pilot's stations. We're not doing this to make things more difficult, but rather we simply are trying to make things at the field a little safer for all using the facility. It only takes one incident to really injury, or even possibly kill, somebody and we want to avoid that.

I will apologize for the short newsletter this time around. Everybody involved with the newsletter simply ran short of time this month and we didn't have time to get something put together. Clem recently had back surgery and is recovering now (get well Clem). I just returned from spending 9 days in Florida covering Top Gun, and Larry had a couple of magazine deadlines that tied him up. Hopefully next month we'll have more content for you. Along those lines, anybody that would like to submit material for the newsletter we would more than welcome the help.

Well, that's about it this month. See you at the field!

Ken

## Telemaster Glider Ferry

A couple of years ago I purchased a Senior Telemaster that I planned on using to ferry gliders up to altitude with. Last winter I finally got around to finishing that project and over the last few months we have been testing it out. For the most part it has been a huge success and those that fly gliders have been lining up to get taken up to altitude with it. The advantage of the ferry is that we can get the glider higher than just about any other means, which means that they have a better chance of finding thermals. If you don't have a glider this might be the time to pick up a starter glider and come out and join us in chasing thermals!



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**Monthly Meeting**

Compiled and presented by Club Secretary— Larry Kruse

**Minutes from April 12, 2011 Meeting**

**Note:** Minutes have not been approved at this time

**Members in Attendance:**

Brent Brennan	Gene Elkins	Corky Fain	Ron Hipp
Ken Isaac	Steve Jakubiszyn	Jerry Knight	Larry Kruse
Bob McFadden	Donald Pflueger	Paul Phillips	Gene Wallock
Clem Wehner			

President Ken Isaac called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. and called for an approval of the March 8, 2011 minutes. The minutes were approved on a motion by Gene Wallock and a second by Bob McFadden. Treasurer Brent Brennan gave the treasurer's report showing a total of \$3282.05 in the club treasury with some bills outstanding that would be included in the May report. The treasurer's report was approved on a motion by Larry Kruse and a second by Bob McFadden.

**Old Business:**

1. *Spring fly-in*—Ron Hipp led a discussion of the up-coming Spring Fly-In and said that there would be just two structured events scheduled. The rest of the time would be free flying at the discretion of the participants. A discussion followed concerning prizes for the day. The consensus was to allow an expenditure from the club treasury for drawing and raffle prizes similar to that of last year's event. That consensus was formalized on a motion by Paul Phillips that \$400 be allocated for prizes. Corky Fain seconded the motion and a unanimous vote in favor of the motion followed. Since the original scheduled date conflicted with Mother's Day, the event was moved to May 21. Details as to starting times and food on the field will follow at the next meeting.
2. *Club bulk purchase of fuel*—The idea of a bulk purchase of fuel had been presented at the previous club meeting. After comparing per gallon prices and the storage of a large quantity of fuel, the consensus of the membership was that not enough savings could be effected to pursue the idea.
3. *Review of the Building Contest*—Larry Kruse gave a wrap-up report on the club's first Building Contest that was deemed a success by all. Larry thanked Judges Gene Elkins, Clem Wehner, Ken Isaac, and Gene Wallock for their efforts, and thanked all of the participants for going to all of the work of building and assembling their planes within the prescribed time frame in order to have them ready for judging. He also noted that he had run an analysis of the point totals using the multiplier factor for kit-built planes against a simple raw score ranking for all airplanes, and that there would have been no significant change in the final results had a simple raw score been used. He suggested that it might be beneficial to get the input of every club member in establishing a revised judging criteria should the club decide to hold the event again. Further discussion will continue in subsequent meetings.
4. *Tipton Children's Home*—President Isaac reported that in subsequent meetings with officials from the Tipton Children's Home, the dates of June 13 through June 17 had been set to work with the youth to set up sessions to teach them to fly R/C models. He called for volunteers to assist in the training sessions and indicated that planning would move forward during the next month to put a comprehensive program together. More details will be forthcoming at the May monthly meeting.

**New Business:**

No items were placed on the "New Business" agenda in order to provide time for Clem Wehner's program "Aerodynamics for RC Pilots".

**Show and Tell:**

As noted above, Clem Wehner presented an extensive Power Point program on R/C aerodynamics. Clem covered nearly 40 topics such as lift generation, Reynolds numbers, the functional angles of attack, wing airfoils, center of gravity and aircraft balance, the use of wash-out, the effect of turbulation, and ground effect, during his comprehensive program. For those who were not in attendance, Clem does have a printed outline

of his presentation that can be obtained by contacting him at [clemwehner@sbcglobal.net](mailto:clemwehner@sbcglobal.net). The club members in attendance expressed their appreciation to Clem for putting the program together. Clem indicated he would also be presenting the program to clubs throughout the region in the near future.

**Raffle Winners:**

This month's raffle winners were:

Clem Wehner—a gallon of fuel (club purchase)  
Gene Elkins—Zona Saw (mfg. contribution)  
Don Pflueger—glow plug caddy (mfg. contribution)  
Gene Wallock—charger (club purchase)  
Ron Hipp—diamond burrs (club purchase)  
Corky Fain—hemostat (club purchase)  
Larry Kruse—sanding stick (club purchase)

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is on May 10, 2011 at 6 p.m. at the Lawton Public Library.

**Meeting Agenda - Lawton Area Fun Flyers (LAFS)**

**May 10, 2011**

**Lawton Public Library, 6:00 pm**

Raffle. Tickets will be sold prior to the start of the meeting. Drawing will be held as the last item of the meeting. Raffle tickets are \$1 each.

Welcome Members /Call meeting to order – Ken Isaac

Approval of minutes from previous membership meeting – Club Secretary, Larry Kruse

Treasurer Report –Brent Brennen

Previous Balance - \$3282.05  
Income - \$156.00 total  
\$56 – April Raffle  
\$100 – New Member, Robert Robinson

Paid Out  
\$42.70 – Hobby People for Raffle Items  
\$40.98 – Toolman for Raffle Items

Current Balance - \$3,354.37

OLD BUSINESS:

- Spring Fly-in – Ron Hipp
- Tipton Children's Home – Ken Isaac
- Any old business not on agenda

NEW BUSINESS:

- Spring Field Cleanup – Ken Isaac
- Bill Holland – Oklahoma AMA AVP
- Any new business not on the agenda

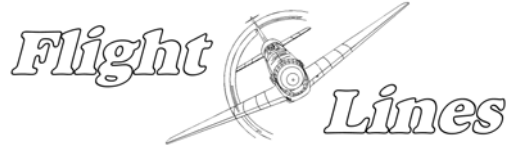
Next Meeting – June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011. 6 pm. Lawton Public Library

Raffle Drawing.

ADJOURNMENT



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### Upcoming Events

June Monthly Meeting  
Tuesday June 7th, 6 P.M.  
Lawton Public Library, Room #1  
110 SW 4th St, Lawton, Ok 73505  
For More Info Contact:  
Ken Isaac, (580)512-1206

June Indoor Flying  
Saturday June 18 6-10 P.M.  
Cameron Student Fitness Center  
For More Info Contact:  
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LAFFS Spring Club Fly-in  
May 21st, 2011  
Gene Elkins RC Airpark

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